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Considerations in the Selection of UW Areas and for
the Intelligence Support of UW Operations [REDACTED]

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1. The general considerations:

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2. It should be clearly understood that many variables must be considered and that all factors are relative, especially in UW operations. No attempt has been made to delineate the type of UW operation that should be conducted within or from the recommended Areas. The selection does not presume to include all possible UW Areas.

3. It should be understood that this report was not influenced by the previous selection of UW or E and E areas by Joint or Service Headquarters.

4. In summation, it should be emphasized that this report is a basic intelligence study designed to assist in determining the most suitable Areas for UW operations in the country. It does not purport to provide the detailed current intelligence essential to successful UW operations. This report represents only a first step. After its coordination with and dissemination to the Unified and several operational Commands concerned, it is anticipated that subsequent action may include the following:

- a. The alignment of Theater plans and Service requirements to permit a maximum utilization of the most suitable Areas.
- b. A statement of the expected priority for the several types of UW activities, particularly as applied to multipurpose Areas.

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- c. The selection and analysis of additional UW Areas that may be necessary to support Theater plans, or further analysis of the initially recommended Areas as required for their expansion and full utilization.
- d. A review of the requirements placed on CIA, and a reappraisal of CIA capabilities, especially after the completion of the steps indicated in paragraphs a, b, and c above.
- e. Service action to obtain and disseminate detailed information on the UW Areas in relation to approved war plans, which will include the location of drop zones, landing sites, specific sabotage targets, and guerrilla warfare objectives.
- f. Finally, the collation and production of operational intelligence in support of the UW Areas and of other current requirements of Theater war plans. This last step could be most effectively accomplished by a coordinated CIA/Services joint effort.

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